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SUBJECT : INFORMATION ON REPATRIATION OF SYLIS

REF: STATE 4281 FROM COMMERCE

1. AFTER NUMEROUS INQUIRIES EMBOFF HAS FINALLY OBTAINED
FROM VARIOUS GUINEAN OFFICERS FOLLOWING ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS
RAISED REFTEL.

2. ACCORDING TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GUINEAN BANK FOR
EXTERNAL COMMERCE, IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL TO TRANSFER SYLIS
ABROAD WITHOUT SPECIFIC PERMISSION OF THE OFFICE DES CHANGES
OF THE BANQUE CENTRAL AT CONAKRY.

3. INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR MIXED FOREIGN
PRIVATE INVESTORS AND GUINEAN GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES.
EXAMPLE GIVEN WAS THAT KLM WHICH HAS SYLI BALANCE
RECENTLY COOPERATED WITH LIBERIAN OWNED MESURADO
FISHING CO., AND GUINEAN GOVERNMENT IN JOINT FISHING
VENTURE. IF VENTURE IS PROFITABLE AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE
COMES FROM IT, KLM WILL BE ALLOWED PROFITS FROM FOREIGN
EXCHANGE. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES EXIST IN AGRICULTURE AND
INDUSTRY AND MINING BUT WOULD ALSO REQUIRE FURTHER FOREIGN
EXCHANGE INVESTMENT BY US FIRMS. ALL SOURCES SUGGEST
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EITHER BANK OR US FIRMS HOLDING SYLI BALANCES SEND REPRESENTATIVE TO GUINEA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF THE ECONOMY AND FINANCE ISMALE TOURE. IN ANY CASE, BEST IF NOT ONLY PROSPECTS FOR ALLOWING REMITTANCE OF PROFITS WOULD BE THROUGH INDUSTRY PRODUCING FOR EXPORT.

4. GUINEAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RPT NOT ISSUED ANY BONDS.
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